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AS PERFORMED AT THE
T H E A T R E in O X F O R D,
On the S E C O N D of J U L Y, 1751.
Being the ANNIVERSARY appointed by
The late Lord C R E W, Bishop of *Durham*,
For the C O M M E M O R A T I O N of
B E N E F A C T O R S to the U N I V E R S I T Y.

*Quique sacerdotes casti, dum vita manebat ;
Quique pii vates, & Phœbo digna locuti ;
Inventas aut qui vitam excoluere per artes ;
Quique sui memores alios fecere merendo ;
Omnibus his ——— ——— ———*

VIRGIL.

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I.

WHERE shall the Muse, that on the sacred shell, *Recitative Accomp.*
Of men in arts and arms renown'd,

The solemn strain delights to swell;

Oh! where shall Clio chuse a race,

Whom Fame with every laurel, every grace,

Like those of Albion's envied isle, has crown'd?

Daughter and mistress of the sea,

Chorus.

All-honour'd Albion hail!

Where'er thy Commerce spreads the swelling sail,

Ne'er shall she find a land like thee,

So brave, so learned, and so free;

All-honour'd Albion hail!

II.

Recitative.

But in this princely land of all that's good and great,
 Would Clio seek the most distinguish'd seat,
 Most blest, where all is so sublimely blest,
 That with superior grace o'erlooks the rest,
 Like a rich gem in circling gold enshrin'd;

Air I.

Where Isis' waters wind
 Along the sweetest shore,
 That ever felt fair Culture's hands,
 Or Spring's embroider'd mantle wore,
 Lo! where majestic OXFORD stands;

Chorus.

Virtue's awful throne!

Wisdom's immortal source!

Recitative.

Thee well her best lov'd may boasting Albion own,
 Whence each fair purpose of ingenuous praise,
 All that in thought or deed divine is deem'd,
 In one unbounded tide, one unremitted course,
 From age to age has still successive stream'd;
 Where Learning and where Liberty have nurs'd,
 For those that in their ranks have shone the first,
 Their most luxuriant growth of ever-blooming bays.

III.

In antient days, when She, the Queen endu'd

Recitative Accomp.

With more than female fortitude,
 Bonduca led her painted ranks to fight;
 Oft times, in adamantine arms array'd,
 Pallas descended from the realms of light,
 Imperial Britoness! thy kindred aid.
 As once, all-glowing from the well-fought day,
 The Goddess fought a cooling stream,
 By chance, inviting with their glassy gleam,
 Fair Isis' waters flow'd not far away.

Eager she view'd the wave,
 On the cool bank she bar'd her breast,
 To the soft gale her locks ambrosial gave;
 And thus the watry nymph address'd.
 Hear, gentle nymph, whoe'er thou art,
 Thy sweet refreshing stores impart:
 A goddess from thy mossy brink
 Asks of thy crystal stream to drink:
 Lo! Pallas asks the friendly gift;
 Thy coral-crowned tresses lift,
 Rise from the wave, propitious powers.
 O listen from thy pearly bow'rs.

Air II.

Her

IV.

Recitative.

Her accents Isis' calm attention caught,
 As lonesome, in her secret cell,
 In ever-varying hues, as mimic fancy taught,
 She rang'd the many-tinctur'd shell :
 Then from her work arose the Nais mild ;

Air III.

She rose, and sweetly smil'd
 With a many a lovely look,
 That whisper'd soft consent :

Recitative.

She smil'd, and gave the goddess in her flood
 To dip her casque, tho' dy'd in recent blood ;

While Pallas, as the boon she took,
 Thus pour'd the grateful sentiment.

Air IV.

For this, thy flood the fairest name
 Of all Britannia's streams shall glide,
 Best fav'rite of the sons of fame,
 Of every tuneful breast the pride :
 For on thy borders, bounteous queen,
 Where now the cowslip paints the green

With unregarded grace,
 Her wanton herds where Nature feeds,
 As lonesome o'er the breezy reeds
 She bends her silent pace ;

Lo! there, to wisdom's Goddess dear,
A far-fam'd City shall her turrets rear,

There all her force shall Pallas prove;

Recitative.

Of classic leaf with every crown,

Each olive, meed of old renown,

Each antient wreath, which Athens wove,

I'll bid her blooming bow'rs abound;

And Oxford's sacred feats shall tow'r

To thee, mild Nais of the flood,

The trophy of my gratitude!

The temple of my pow'r!

V.

Nor was the pious promise vain;

Recitative.

Soon illustrious Alfred came,

And pitch'd fair Wisdom's tent on Isis' plenteous plain.

Alfred, on thee shall all the Muses wait,

Alfred, majestic name!

Air V. & Chorus.

Of all our praise the spring!

Thee all thy sons shall sing,

Deck'd with the martial and the civic wreath:

In notes most awful shall the trumpet breath

To thee, GREAT ROMULUS of Learning's richest state.

Nor

VI.

Recitative.

Nor Alfred's bounteous hand alone,
 Oxford, thy rising temples own :
 Soon many a man munificent,
 The prince, the prelate, laurel-crowned croud,
 Their ample bounty lent
 To build the beauteous monument,
 That Pallas vow'd.

Recitative Accomp.

And now she lifts her head sublime,
 Majestic in the mofs of time ;
 Nor wants there Græcia's better part,
 'Mid the proud piles of antient art,
 Whose fretted spires, with rude hand,
 Wainflet and Wickham bravely plan'd ;
 Nor decent Doric to dispenſe
 New charms 'mid old magnificence ;
 And here and there ſoft Corinth weaves
 Her dædal coronet of leaves ;

Duett.

While, as with rival pride their tow'rs invade the ſky,
 Radcliffe and Bodley ſeem to vye,
 Which ſhall deſerve the foremoſt place,
 Or Gothic ſtrength, or Attic grace.

VII.

O Isis! ever will I chant thy praise : *Recitative.*

Not that thy sons have struck the golden lyre

With hands most skillful ; have their brows entwin'd

With every fairest flow'r of Helicon,

The sweetest swans of all th' harmonious choir ;

Have bade the musing mind

Of every science pierce the pathless ways,

And from the rest the wreath of wisdom won ;

But that thy sons have dar'd to feel.

Air VI.

For freedom's cause a sacred zeal ;

With British breast, and patriot pride,

Have still Corruption's cup defy'd ;

In dangerous days untaught to fear,

Have held the name of honour dear.

VIII.

But chief on this illustrious day,

Recitative.

The Muse her loudest Pæans loves to pay.

Erewhile she strove with accents weak

In vain to build the lofty rhyme ;

B.

At

At length, by better days of bounty chear'd,
She dares unfold her wing.

Air VII.

Hail hour of transport most sublime!
In which, the man rever'd,
Immortal CREW commands to sing,
And gives the pipe to breathe, the string to speak.

IX.

Chorus.

Blest prelate, hail!
Most pious patron, most triumphant theme!
From whose auspicious hand
On Isis' towers new beauties beam,
New praise her NURSING FATHERS gain;
Immortal CREW!
Blest prelate hail!

Recitative.

E'en now fir'd fancy sees thee lead
To Fame's high-seated fane
The shouting band!
O'er every hallowed head
Fame's choicest wreaths she sees thee spread:
Alfred superior smiles the solemn scene to view;

And

And bids the Goddess lift

Air VIII.

Her loudest trumpet to proclaim,

O CREW, thy consecrated gift,

And echo with his own in social strains thy name.

[*Chorus* repeated.]

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